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TO: Executive Policy Team
Administrative Management Team
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FROM: Daniel H. Heyns, Director

SUBJECT: Prisoner Program Assignments

SUPERSEDES DOM 2012 - 29 (effective 6/29/12)

PD 05.01.100 "Prisoner Program Classification" requires the Classification Director at each institution to maintain a racial composition within ten percent of the institution's racial composition or, if there is more than one security level in the institution, within ten percent of the racial composition of the prisoners in each security level unless an exception is granted by the Warden for an assignment for which the racial composition requirement cannot be met due to a shortage of eligible prisoners. If an exception is granted, the racial composition of the assignment must be maintained as close as possible to the racial composition of the institution or security level, as appropriate.

This "racial balancing" requirement shall no longer be used as a factor when making prisoner program assignments. Program assignments shall be made consistent with PD 05.01.100 but without regard to the race of the prisoner or the racial composition of the assignment. Prisoners already assigned as a result of the "racial balancing" requirement are not to be removed from the assignment solely based on this change in policy.